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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: SEWERAGE SYSTEMS

1. IN A RECENT NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE STATE SEWERAGE ADMINISTRATION, REVIEWED THE STATUS OF SEWERAGE PROJECTS FOR 18 TOWNS IN IRAQ. HE SAID THAT PRESENTLY ONLY BAGHDAD HAS A SEWERAGE NETWORK, THAT A SEWERAGE SYSTEM IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN BASRA, AND THAT BIDS ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR NASSIRIYAH AND KERBALA. FOR THE SYSTEMS IN THESE LATTER TWO TOWNS, THE TREATMENT PLANT AND PUMPING STATIONS EQUIPMENT ARE ALREADY ON ORDER. TENDERS HAVE ALSO BEEN INVOTED FOR A SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN AMARA (POPULATION ABOUT 70,000).

2. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL GAVE THE FOLLOWING STATUS REPORT FOR SEWERAGE SYSTEM PROJECTS IN OTHER TOWNS (ESTIMATED POPULATIONS ARE GIVEN IN PARENTHESIS):
(A) SEWERAGE SYSTEMS FOR WHICH TENDERS WILL BE INVITED SOON:
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NAJAF (120,000) AND KUFA (40,000): (B) SEWERAGE SYSTEMS FOR WHICH STUDIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND DESIGNS ARE BEING FINALIZED: MOSUL (600,000), SULAIMANIYA (300,000) AND RAMADI (150,000): (C) SEWERAGE SYSTEMS FOR WHICH CONSULTANTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED, BUT DESIGNS NOT FINALIZED: KIRKUK (400,000), ARBIL (350,000), DOHUK (60,000), BAQUBA (300,000), HILLA (400,000), DIWANIYA

(250,000), KUT (220,000), SAMAWA (70,000) AND SERAI-RESH (5,000).

3. US BUSINESSMEN WHO VISITED SEWERAGE BOARD CONFIRMS THAT IT INTENDS TO TENDER SEVERAL SEWERAGE PROJECTS IN 1977 BUT REPORTS THAT ALL CONSULTING CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED.

4. COMMENT: LOCAL COMPETITION IS LIMITED BECAUSE FEW IRAQI CONTRACTORS HAVE THE FINANCIAL CAPABILITY TO UNDERTAKE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECTS. ONLY FOREIGN CONTRACTOR SO FAR IS US FIRM, STARCO, BUILDING BASRA SEWERAGE SYSTEM. PREVIOUS SUPPLIERS OF SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT AND PUMPING STATION EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN FROM WESTERN EUROPE. NORMALLY THE SEWERAGE ISSUES TENDER CALLS FOR SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT SEPARATELY FROM THOSE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER NETWORK. INTERESTED COMPANIES SHOULD IDENTIFY THEMSELVES TO THE STATE SEWERAGE ADMINISTRATION, AQABA BIN NAFIE' SQUARE, BAGHDAD, IRAQ. LETTERS MUST BE SUPPORTED BY TECHNICAL LITERATURE, COPIES OF MOST RECENT FINANCIAL REPORT (PARTICULARLY FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS), AND A LIST OF PREVIOUS PROJECTS ON ORDERS IMPLEMENTED. COPIES SHOULD BE SENT TO USINT FOR FOLLOW-UP.
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